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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO SENATOR KENNEDY

1. LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO SENATOR KENNEDY DATED JANUARY 6 REGARDING US-CYPRUS POLICY AND TURKISH GESTURES HAS BEEN PICKED UP AND ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED BY UPI, AND SUBSEQUENTLY CARRIED IN TURKISH PRESS. ACCORDING UPI REPORT, "SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER REPORTED 'SOME PROGRESS' TOWARD ACHIEVING A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT ON STRIFE-TORN CYPRUS IN A LETTER RELEASED SUNDAY, SO NO FURTHER CONGRESSIONAL GESTURES -- SUCH AS CUTTING OFF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY-- ARE NEEDED." TEXTS OF LETTER CONTAINED SEPTTEL.

2. IF UPI STORY PICKED UP BY GREEK PRESS AND/OR THERE ARE INDICATIONS OF OFFICIAL CONCERN OVER IT, YOU SHOULD REQUEST MEETING WITH BITSIOS TO CLARIFY POINT REGARDING GESTURES. IF GOG EVINCES NO PARTICULAR CONCERN OVER UPI REPORT, WE LEAVE IT TO YOUR DISCRETION WHETHER OR NOT TO RAISE MATTER
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WITH BITSIOS NEXT TIME YOU SEE HIM.

3. MAIN POINTS TO BE MADE ARE:

A. RESPONDING TO KENNEDY'S LETTER OF DECEMBER 19, SECRETARY WROTE THAT AS A RESULT OF THE PROGRESS MADE IN BRUSSELS TOWARD GETTING SUBSTANTIVE POLITICAL TALKS UNDERWAY IN

NICOSIA, GESTURES AS A MEANS OF GETTING NEGOTIATIONS LAUNCHED WERE NO RPT NO LONGER REQUIRED. SECRETARY'S STATEMENT WAS IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO SENATOR'S SUGGESTION THAT THE US PUSH FOR TURKISH GESTURES IN ORDER TO ALLOW NEGOTIATIONS TO RESUME.

B. IN THE SAME LETTER, HOWEVER, SECRETARY ALSO STRESSED THAT WHILE GESTURES AS SUCH WERE NO LONGER NECESSARY TO GET POLITICAL TALKS STARTED, A CONCILIATORY APPROACH BY ALL PARTIES AND THE CREATION OF A FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE CONTINUED TO BE AS IMPORTANT AS EVER TO SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS.

C. UPI REPORT REFERRED TO "CONGRESSIONAL GESTURES," BUT THIS PHRASE WAS NOT CONTAINED IN LETTER TO KENNEDY. NOR WAS THERE ANY MENTION IN LETTER OF CONGRESSIONAL CUT-OFF OF AID TO TURKEY. KISSINGER

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